

Abingdon Community Council Meeting
January 27, 2014

There were 5 members (C. David Copenhaver, Cynthia Hergenbahn, Carlin Cook, Earl Grey, Joan Hamilton) and 24 guests in attendance including: Sheriff Jesse Bane, Dion Guthrie (Harford County Councilman), Andrew Tress (Aid to County Councilman Billy Boniface), Jessica Blake (Aid to County Councilman Joe Woods), Manley Calhoun III (Aid to County Councilwoman Mary Ann Lisanti), Patti Gonzales (County Executive's Office), Capt. Jon Krass (Harford County Sheriff's Office)

The next meeting will be March 24, 2014 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.
- Not in Attendance: County Councilman Joe Woods; Mary Ann Lisanti
- Jesse Bane: Harford County Sheriff
 - Working on a Strategic Plan and looking for community input – **Meeting on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 pm at HCC Edgewood Hall on 1st floor**
 - Two handouts about Harford County vehicle crashes were furnished
 - Biggest problem in Harford County is traffic safety
 - Crime has dropped significantly from 1975 to 2012; today it has 3rd lowest crime rate in the state
 - Traffic safety issues have increased; today we are 4th, 5th, or 6th in the state in traffic fatalities
 - Some of highest crash rate are along Rt 24 and the on/off ramps to I95
 - Harford is the only county in the state with a highway traffic plan; it mirrors the state and national plans; goal is for 0 fatalities by 2030
 - **Main traffic issues:** infrastructure does not support the current amount of traffic or the speeding by motorists; Mon – Fri rush hour is times of most accidents; people taking chances and not allowing enough travel time; back roads can't handle increased traffic volume and speeds as people try to avoid major roads
 - The 4 Es of traffic include: enforcement, emergency medical services, educating the public, and road engineering
 - Greatest causes of accidents are: speeding, not wearing seat belts, driving under the influence, and distracted driving
 - EMS is suggesting the need for another substation
 - Sheriff's Office is seldom consulted when traffic studies for new construction are done
- Captain Jon Krass: Harford County Sheriff's Representative (handout of Crime Analysis for Sectors 30 & 40)
 - Crime stats for the year remain relatively unchanged; crashes increased by 57%
 - APG will be doing additional testing with a type of radar soon and will continue through Spring; they will be using a blimp to assist with their testing
 - Joe Ryan, Director of Community Services, has put together a video concerning drugs. Mr. Ryan will be the guest speaker at the March 24, 2014 ACC meeting.
- County Council Updates:
 - Dion Guthrie (County Councilman):
 - Board of Education is searching for new Superintendent; believes a CEO type would be best
 - **Southern Harford County Symposium to be held on Feb. 13 at 7:00 pm at the Epic Center in Edgewood; Army will be a big presenter**
 - A facility study is being done to look at the possibility of combining services within the County
 - Jessica Blake (Aid to County Councilman Joe Woods):
 - Joe talked to DPW about numerous calls he received concerning lack of road pre treating and lack of snow plow services in various Abingdon neighborhoods; problems were resolved
 - Distributed Newsletter containing "Legislative Session Recap"
- Manley Calhoun III (Aid to County Councilwoman Mary Ann Lisanti):
 - Mary Ann is looking for funding at the state level to assist with our roads and traffic congestion
- New Business/Announcements:
 - February meeting will just be for the Council as we look at our successes and needs, and plan for the rest of the upcoming year
 - Next public ACC meeting will be March 24, 2014
- Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.

